

# Belgian Laces



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Dear Members,

Through a special arrangement with the "Federation of Genealogical Societies in Salt Lake City, we have the pleasure to announce that all our members will receive — free of charge — the society's new quarterly bulletin "FORUM ".

To quote their own words:

"The Federation is the "society for societies," and its work is extremely important. It is the only national organization dedicated to helping genealogical societies become more effective in serving their members, as well as working together with the National Archives on preserving genealogically significant records. But like any organization, it is only as effective as its members try to make it."

It may take six to eight weeks before you get your first "Forum'. So, be patient! But I would like to hear or read your consents about it.

Thanks again to those of you who write regularly, but I also would like to hear more from our other members. Consents about our organization and/or about "Belgian Laces" are always welcome. We are trying our best, on a limited budget, to help everyone. Most of the articles we have received have been about the glass industry. We now solicit reports about coal mines, farming, steel industry, or whatever else our inuiigrants are or have been involved in, and simply about the lives of our Belgian families in America, early and contemporary....

Talk to you again in the August newsletter,

Pierre

## CHARLEROI, PENNSYLVANIA

by Pierre L. Inghels

In the 1800's, the whole area that is now known as Charleroi, was an area of agriculture, bituminous coal mines and produced also the alluvium sand that is sought after for glass making. Some old documents from the County of Allegheny, talk about a glass factory that was directed by a certain Jean— Baptiste Fellure (Felloure or Falleur, different spellings in different documents.) This Fellure was said to be French speaking. Was he a descendant from Martin Falleur, a Lorraine glasemaker who came to Jumet, Belgium, with his family in 1653, and started in the glass industry?

In 1884, natural gas was discovered in West Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. The area around Pittsburgh became a center of glass industry, because fuel —coal and natural gas— and necessary raw materials, chiefly sand, soda ash, potash, and lime, were found there in abundance. Glass sands contain a large proportion of silica, an important ingredient. The potash and soda ash absorb the impurities in the melted silica. Lead is added to increase the brilliancy of the glass and render it heat resistant.

Large barges transported the coal on the Monongahela River, but new transportation facilities were needed, and a railroad was built along the River to carry the increasing production. The subsequent multiplication of transportation facilities speeded the growth of manufacturing establishments. For the first 20 years of its existence, the railroad crossing at about 25 miles south of Pittsburgh, being on the property of a local farmer Mc Kean, became known as the "Mc Kean Crossing" or simply "Railroad Crossing". Years later a railroad station was built nearby, and the local people proudly put up a big sign " Charleroi ", in honor of the glass workers of the area, who came from Charleroi Belgium.

In March 1890 the thousands of acres of agricultural and pasture land that belonged to the late Mc Kean, Mc Makan and Redd, were bought by a new company called "Charleroi Land Company", divided into lots and resold. It is said that the first day of the sale, more than \$ 200.000 worth of land was sold. A new glass factory was built at the former Mc Kean Crossing, and received the name of "Charleroi Plate Glass Works". At this factory, clear window glass was the main product. They also produced heavy plate glass for mirrors and plate glass or Carrara glass' of different colors that was used as wainscoting or panelling for decoration, because it imitates so well the Carrara marble from Italy. Other glass factories followed rapidly, the "Macbeth Lamp Chimney Works" and the "Hamilton Bottles Works". Iron mills also settled in the vicinity. The area grew so fast that houses, hotels, restaurants, schools, stores, businesses of all kind had to be build in a hurry for the new population attracted by the job openings in the glass, coal and iron industries.

The area became known as " Magic City" and was officially incorporated as "Charleroi" on February 8, 1892.

At this time, more than 200 Walloon glass workers were employed at these new factories. One of these, Alexandre Ducoeur and family, coming from Charleroi Belgium, arrived with many others in Charleroi, Pennsylvania. Years later their grandson Don, became the Postmaster of the city. An other one is Jean-Baptiste Rousseau, born 15 september 1851 in Roux, near Charleroi, who left Belgium alone for the States on the 6th of August 1886. He went to work in Creighton PA as a glass blower. His wife Adele Gilis, born 1853, in Aische en Refail, and children Alexandre, born in Roux in 1873, Arthur, born in Roux in 1879, and Elodie, born in Roux in 1882, left Belgium on the 15th of October 1886 to join their husband and father in Pennsylvania. The family moved to Tarentum where their daughter Marie was born. They later moved to Monessen, to Belle Vernon, Elisabeth, etc. When work in the factories declined, when there was a strike, when in suimner time there were layoffs in the glass factories to allow for the rebuilding of the tanks, the Rousseau family looked for better areas. They worked in coal

mines, and eventually moved to Charleroi in 1898. But glasswork was always their favored job. Eventually they bought a farm in Rostraver Township, where several more children were born to the family. To this day, descendants of the Rousseau family still farm the land.

Hundreths of other Walloon families moved to the area, the glass specialists, glass blowers, cutters and flatteners all came from the same area in Belgium, and were in great demand because of the perfection of their work.

Although the first machines for glass blowing were introduced in Charleroi around 1898, some Belgian glass blowers continued for a long time their traditional premium quality production, but many moved to other areas where the master method of glass blowing was still used.

In 1890, the census of Charleroi indicates a population number of 5930. In 1908, this number was up to 9000, with more than 120~ Belgians. In 1940, it was up to 11290 inhabitants.

In the records of Charleroi, for the years since 1890, one finds the following family names:

Adam, Aigrisse, Albert, Alexandre, Avaux, Baileu, Bartholde, Basile, Bastin, Benoit, Beaumariage, Betem, Biout, Bocasio, Borbouse, Boremans, Bosson, Boulanger, Brutout, Brunel, Caucheteux, Clavir, Clement, Collignon, Cotton, Daille, Decamps, Dehosse, Delbar, Delestienne, Delvaux, Denamur, Denis, Deprez, Deval, Dewilde, Dewitte, Dordain, Douillet, Dreze, Dubois, Ducoeur, Dujardin, Dupont, Eloy, Falise, Faulx, Fay, Fero, Fontaine, Fourmanoir, Francois, Fumier, Gaudissart, Gauthier, Gaziaux, Gobert, Godsiabois, Gosserie, Grochot, Gysegem, Hance, Hans, Hantisse, Hanus, Haube, Hauris, Hennau, Henri, Henrion, Henrotin, Herent, Heuchamps, Hiernaux, Hilaire, Hubinon, Joiret, Josson, Landrin, Juteux, Lambermont, Laumiay, Lauweri, Lechien, Leclercq, Lefevre, Leone, Leroy, Manandise, Marchal, Maronez, Melard, Melenyser, Melon, Michaux, Molle, Mouyard, Noel, Opperman, Parent, Pierrisux, Pierroux, Porignaux, Protin, Purnel, Reconnu, Robert, Rossome, Rottiers, Rousseau, Roy, Scheune, Schun, Scouvar, Stache, Sechez, Souply, Theys, Trigaux, Tournay, Ulens, Vandrome, Valent, Valover, Vandermesse, Vangoutem, Vanschuren, Vantiegen, Vanvarenberg, Vologa, Verkleren, Verstraeten, Vieslet, Walot, Walteny, Wery, Wellene.

This is evidently not a complete listing, many other names appear on the lists of Walloons in Charleroi. Many families came here, some other families moved away. Only last names have been registered. Spellings may differ in some documents, or reoccur as name changes in the last 100 years.

This year, Charleroi is celebrating its Centennial, hundred years of proud Belgian presence. The celebrations are going on throughout the year with various events, but particularly in the first half of July. There will be a grand festival in the Riverfront Park from July 1 through July 11. It will include the American tradition of fireworks on July 4, and a grand parade on July 11. As the Belgian Heritage is very important to them, a large exhibit about the link between the glass industry in Charleroi Belgium, and the glass industry in Charleroi PA, and the Walloon involvement in the creation of the glass industry, will be brought from Belgium, and be open to the public from the 3rd to the 14th of July.

Father Jean Ducat, as President of the "Belgian American Heritage", yours truly, as President of "The Belgian Researchers" are going to be there with the delegation coming from Belgium, and will be visiting with the various areas of Belgian Heritage.

See you there

# BELGIANS FOUND IN THE 1906 BOSTON PASSENGER LIST

by Micheline Gaudette

With a few exceptions, the majority of Belgians emigrating through the Port of Boston in the year 1906, were from the Northern provinces of Belgium. The big mill centers of Lawrence, Massachusetts, and Woonsocket, Rhode Island, already employing friends and relatives of the emigrants, attracted those experienced in the cloth manufacturing industry. Those who had been employed in the tobacco industry as cigar makers headed for Boston and Chelsea, Massachusetts. Most of the cigar makers came from Geraardsbergen, a city in East Flanders also known as Graiwoont. A few Belgians on their way to Canada, but in transit in the Port of Boston, were also recorded.

Note that jj of the last residence (like Roubaix) are located in France. The ships' recording clerks were obviously unfamiliar with the spelling of Belgian names, this situation plus the numerous corrections that exist over the original handwritings make the reading task quite difficult and time consuming, expect mistakes (By—the—way, it takes abt. 1 hr 1/2 to read a roll...). Also some details recorded in the passenger lists are omitted here for lack of space.

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Roll 90 (Jan.1, — Feb.28, 1906)

Roll 92 (Apr.1, — Apr.20, 1906)

Roll 94 (May 20,— May 31, 1906)

Roll 96 (July 1,—July 31, 1906)

Roll 98 (Sept.1,—Sept.13, 1906)

Roll 100 (Oct.14,— Oct.31, 1906)

Roll 102 (Dec. 1,—Dec. 31, 1906)

Roll 91 (March 1,—March 31, 1906)

Roll 93 (May 1, — May 19, 1906)

Roll 95 (June 1, — June 17, 1906)

Roll 97 (Aug. 1, — Aug. 16, 1906)

Roll 99 (Oct. 1, — Oct. 13, 1906)

Roll 101 (Nov. 1, — Nov. 12, 1906)

Names	Last residence	Going To	Ship	From	Date	Arrived
					Boston	
...DT Emma, 30		Mrs. Paper, Chicago, Ill,	REPUBLIC	Liverpool	28-Sep	6-Oct
...SER Jean Baptiste, 35, miller, Marie 31,		Menominee, Mi	REPUBLIC	Liverpool	28-Sep	6-Oct
...Alphonse, rejected at Liverpool			IVERNIA	Liverpool	21-Aug	30-Aug
ACKERMAN Ferdinand 29 cigarmaker	Ghent	cousin E. HUYGE, Boston, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liverpool	1-May	11-May
ADYNS Emile, 5, travelling with BRUGGEMANS V.		George ADYNS Olneville, RI	SAXONIA	Liverpool	15-May	24-May
ALLEMEESCH Edmund 30, laborer,	Mesen?	friend Rene VANDERPAINTE Delrairie?	CYMRIC	Liverpool	8-Mar	18-Mar
ANDRE Josephine 48	Lodelinsart	husband Arthur ANDRE Brookeville Pa.	IVERNIA	Liverpool	1-May	11-May
ARENST Lucie 33,	Roeselare	cousin Jule SALLE Lawrence, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liverpool	21-Aug	30-Aug
ARLEQUEEW Julienne 39, Armand 11,						
Alois 10, Anna 9, Made	Mont Aman	husband Denis ARLEQUEEW Lawrence	IVERNIA	Liverpool	11-Dec	20-Dec
AUDENHOVEN Oscar 19, cigarmaker	Geraardsb	cousin Q HENICKE, Boston, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liverpool	16-Oct	24-Oct
BALTHAZAR C... 32, weaver	Wetteren	friend Paul VAN DE NORTGATE Lowell	SAXONIA	Liverpool	15-May	24-May
BARBIER Jacobus 39, cigarmaker	Ghent	Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liverpool	2-Oct	11-Oct
BARCKAERT Gustave 48 laborer	Hansbeke	cousin Gustave MORTRIER, Denver, Co/	IVERNIA	Liverpool	18-Sep	26-Sep
BATSELEIR M.30, Marg.II, E.6, Lucie 1						
all crossed—out	Moerbeke?	P. BATSELEIR, Boston	SAXONIA	Liverpool	4-Sep	13-Sep
BATSELEIR Pierre 38, cigarmaker	Moerbeke	friend Victor HYMANS Chelsea, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liverpool	6-Feb	15-Feb
BATSELIER Marie 36, Marguerite 10,						
Emile 7, Lucie 1	Onkerzele	husband Peter BATSELIER, Boston Ma,	IVERNIA	Liverpool	16-Oct	24-Oct
BECK Adolphus 24 shipmate?	Belgium		BOSTONIAN	Manchester	27-Feb	14-Mar
BERNAERT Cyrille 21,		father Gustave BERNAERT, Boston, Ma	IVERNIA	Liverpool	21-Aug	30-Aug
BERNARD Leon 33 French ?S			MARQUETTE	Antwerp	8-Mar	23-Mar
BEROOETS Franz 27	Me...?	Cousin Ed VAN DEN HAMEL Hart, Michi/	CYMRIC	Liverpool	8-Mar	18-Mar
BILMEYER Ed. 22 florist	Ghent	F. DESONNER Rutherford, N.J.	MENOMINEE	Antwerp	23-Aug	3-Sep
BLANCHARD Cyrille 27, cigarmaker	Geraardsb	bro. Arthur BLANCHARD, Boston, Ma	SAXONIA	Liverpool	20-Feb	2-Mar
BLANCHARD Theophile Emile 33 cigarmaker/Geraardsb		b in I. CAUNENBERG, Chelsea, Ma.	CYMRIC	Liverpool	8-Mar	18-Mar
BLOMME Theophile, 54, weaver	Werwick/A	Gustave GERART, Lawrence, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liverpool	21-Aug	30-Aug
BLOMDERU Jules 49, cigarmaker	Langekres	Edw. Huzze	ARABIC	Liverpool	20-Jul	28-Jul

BOGAERD Henri, 35, wife Prudence 37	Vinkt home Atkinson, Ill.	IVERNIA	Liv Feb 6	Feb 15
BONTE Stephanie 6, travelling with D'HOOGHE Julie	Roubaix mother Marie VAN BELLEGHEM, Lawrence	IVERNIA	Liv May 1	May 11
BOONE Alois 30 shoemaker	Pittes friend Heneri MARTENS Rock Island I	SAXONIA	Liv May 15	May 24
BOSSELER Catherine 18	Habergy uncle Christoff BOSSELER Batavia NY	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
BOSSELER Jean Bapt. 23 lab. Virginia 23	Habergy uncle Christoff BOSSELER Batavia NY	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
BOSTEELS-VAN DEN BOSSCHE Maria, 30, Jos. 11, Leon 8, Ren	St. Nikla husband Oscar BOSTEELS, Boston, Ma.	MENOMINEE	Ant Oct 4	Oct 15
BRACKQUIST Jules 33 weaver	Tourcoing Camille DE HULLEN Lawrence Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Feb 20	Mar 2
BRAEKEVELD Leonie seamstress	Roeselare b-in-l Charles VERSLYPPE near Detro	IVERNIA	Liv Aug 21	Aug 30
BROULKERS Maurice 16 painter	Namur?? aunt Marie FLORENCE Montreal	SAXONIA	Liv Apr 17	Apr 26
BRUGGEMANS Virginia 39, Eugenie 10, Victor 8	Roubaix? husb. Eugene BRUGGEMANS Olneville R	SAXONIA	Liv May 15	May 24
BRUNIN Jeanne 30	Roubaix husband Leopold BRUNIN, Lawrence, M	SAXONIA	Liv Feb 20	Mar 2
CALLEBERT Celina 32 + 8 children	Oostend husband Henri CALLEBERT Chicago	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
CALLEWAERT Claude, Marie 29, Louise 6	Ghent b-in-l H. SPIGELEVE? Brooklyn, N.Y.	LAURENTIA	Gla Aug 31	Sep 10
CANNIERES Charles 34, weaver	? Jean DEBBAUT Lawrence, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv May 15	May 24
CANNUS Amelie 26, George 4, Bertha 3,	Waterloo Louis Charles CANNUS Lowell, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv May 1	May 11
CANTINS Anna, 70 with Marie PROECKHOVEN (see)	Antwerp -	MANITOU	Ant Nov 1	Nov 12
CHRISTIAENS Remy 18, baker	Ivrehem? b-in-l Octave STRAZIER, Detroit, Mi	IVERNIA	Liv Sep 18	Sep 26
CLEMENTS Carl 25 cigarmaker, Clementine 29	Altona? Chelsea, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv Apr 3	Apr 12
CLOSSET Henry, 21, weaver,	Horsoux? aunt Mrs. THIBOUT, Woonsocket, RI	MANITOU	Ant Aug 9	Aug 20
COLLYNER Rene 33 cigarmaker	Geraardsb friend Jean MAYERS Boston, Ma	SAXONIA	Liv Feb 20	Mar 2
COLYN Frank 29,	Ghent Alphonse DE GEALLE, Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Sep 4	Sep 13
COPPENS 20 shipmate?	Belgium -	BOSTONIAN	Man Feb 27	Mar 14
COPPENS Henri 34, laborer	Avegem/Ed bro. August COPPENS, Moline, Ill.	SAXONIA	Liv Oct 2	Oct 11
CORNELISSEN Edward 26 farm laborer	Ma..? cousin Ed VAN DEN HAMEL Hartford, M	CYMRIC	Liv Mar 8	Mar 18
CORTIER August 43 butcher	Aalter friend Henri HYVAERT Moline, Ill	MENOMINEE	Ant Apr 5	Apr 16
COUTURIER Emile 32, weaver, Marie 41	Verviers/ friend F. LEMPEREUR	MANITOU	Ant Dec 13	Dec 25
CROES Eveline 29	Roeselare Lawrence, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Sep 4	Sep 13
D'HOOGHE Julie 40, Clemence 16, Charles 11,	Roubaix husband Ed. DE HOOGHE Lawrence Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv May 1	May 11
DARTOIS Regine 28, (dau. of ANDRE Jos.) Alfred 11/12	Lodelinsa husband Aime DARTOIS Brookville Pa.	IVERNIA	Liv May 1	May 11
DAUVER Camiel, 28	Geraardsb bro. in Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Aug 7	Aug 16
DAUVER Gustave 30 cigarmaker	Geraardsb friend Franc CLAES Boston, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv Feb 6	Feb 15
DAUWER Nina 32, Frank 9, Vialina 7, Auguste 6, Nazaire 3	Antwerp husband Gustave DAUWER, Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Sep 4	Sep 13
DE BOCK William, 49, priest	- Fairhaven	SAXONIA	Liv Jun 12	Jun 21
DE CLERK Josef, 21, stocker, stowaway	Antwerp no money - no friends	MANITOU	Ant Jun 14	Jun 25
DE CLIPPEL Isidore, 35, cigarmaker	Geraardsb cousin Gustave MICHELER, Chelsea	IVERNIA	Liv Jun 25	Jul 5
DE FROY Arthur 35 cigarmaker	Geraardsb friend O. Maertelenckx	IVERNIA	Liv Oct 16	Oct 24
DE GAUCKIC Edward 36, cigarmaker	Geraardsb cousin G. DE VINCKE Boston, Ma.	CYMRIC	Liv Mar 8	Mar 18
DE GEZTER Marie 28, dressmaker	Brussels husband Henry DE GEZTER, Lynn, Ma.	MARQUETTE	Ant Apr 19	May 1
DE GUTELAERE Jan 34 shoemaker	Egem bro. Hector DE GUTELAERE Superior W	SAXONIA	Liv May 15	May 24
DE GROOTE Polydore 40, cigarmaker	Ghent bro. Alphonse DE GROOTE, Boston, Ma	SAXONIA	Liv Sep 4	Sep 13
DE JONGHE Hector, 31	Roeselare Lawrence, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Jun 12	Jun 21
DE JONGHE Peter, 39	Roeselare Lawrence, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Jun 12	Jun 21
DE MIDDELAU Chas. 21, weaver	St. Nikla friend Edmond VAN WOOTEL, Boston, M	MENOMINEE	Ant Oct 4	Oct 15
DE MILT Gustave 35 weaver	Ghent friend Paul VANDENMORDGATE Lowell,	SAXONIA	Liv May 15	May 24
DE NOEL Jules, 28, cigarmaker,	Ghent Boston DERIDDER Gui., VANPOUCKE Jan	ARABIC	Liv Jul 20	Jul 28
DE PAUM Therese, 29, Camielle 11, Gaston 6/12	Gentbrugge Husband Emil, Boston, Ma.	MENOMINEE	Ant Jun 28	Jul 9
DE PAUM Victor, 17, cigarmaker	St. Nikla father Cyrill DE PAUM Boston	IVERNIA	Liv Jun 25	Jul 5
DE PLOEZ Mrs. John, Edward 7, Emile	Antwerp husband John DE PLOEZ, Boston, Ma.	MENOMINEE	Ant Feb 22	Mar 8
DE POOTERS Juls 23 cleerk	Merksem? W. WHITENIERE, Moline, Ill.	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
DE POOTERS? Jean Bapt. 48 cigarmaker	Antwerp Emile DE PISTER	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
DE PREE Marie, 22	Roeselare Duluth, Minn	SAXONIA	Liv Jun 12	Jun 21
DE SCHUITERRER Martin 32	Geraardsb SCHUITERRER Boston, Ma.	CYMRIC	Liv Mar 8	Mar 18
DE STEUNDER--	Ghent b.in l. Joseph VAN ALTER Chicago,	IVERNIA	Liv Nov 13	Nov 22
DE SUTTER Raphael, 28, cigarmaker	Wollestra friend Charles VERBEKE, Boston, Ma.	ARABIC	Liv Jul 20	Jul 28
DE TROY Caesar, 28 cigarmaker	Geraardsb friend G. DANVER, Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Aug 7	Aug 16
DE VISSCHER Gustave, 27, cigarmaker,	Gentbrugge friend Octaf DEHOUX, Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Oct 2	Oct 11
DE WAELE Josef 29 cigarm., Maria 29, Alice 10, Louis 9, Melan	St. Nikla home in Boston, Ma.	MENOMINEE	Ant Oct 4	Oct 15

DE WETTES Hector 25, cigarmaker  
 DE WILDE Isidore 27  
 DE WILDE Leopold 32 weaver  
 DE WILDE Leopold, weaver, Marie 27  
 DEBBAUT Camille 30 weaver  
 DEBBAUT Gustave 25, weaver  
 DEBUQUOIS Camille 44, weaver  
 DEBUSSCHER Camille 30 weaver  
 DECLERCQ August, 34, cigarmaker  
 DEHONDT Florentine, 27, DeHONDT Louis  
 DEHULLE Charles, 45  
 DEKIEN? Gustave 23  
 DEMETS Cornelis 29  
 DEMEULEN August 34, weaver  
 DEMEYER Emile wood turner  
 DENDU Alois 46, mason  
 DEPOORTERE Em. 33 lab, Jeanne 26, Gerard 3, Guill. 6/12  
 DESMET Leon, 27  
 DESMET---, 32, laborer, Mathilde 28  
 DEVILLE Emile, 31, weaver, Marie 28, Louise 20, Julia 8  
 DEVILLE Julia 31,  
 DEVILLE Louise 29, Marie 9, Emile 3,  
 DEVRIERE Camile 31, butcher  
 DEVRIEZE Emma 26, Ernest 8/12  
 DEVELDER Octaaf 35, laborer  
 DEWEERDT Anna 24, Jeannette 2  
 DEWILDE Alphonse 29  
 DILIS Remy 36, cigarmaker, Florence 41,  
 DONT Pieter 29, weaver  
 DRESDENS August 39 cigarmaker  
 DUBOIS Joanna, Pauline 3 not on board  
 DUCHAT Leopold 50 professor ecclesiastic  
 DUPONT Hector 21 shoemaker  
 DUYVEJNG Ernest 32 laborer  
 DYCK Frans 40 cigarmaker  
 FASSEUR Clemence 25, Bertha 3  
 FELTRY Leon 24 laborer  
 FERON Antoine, miner  
 FINET Arthur 42 machinist, Elise 35  
 FLORENCE Louis 28 painter  
 FRERE Edouard, 34, miner  
 GEERAETS Jules, 30, cigarmaker  
 GIETZEN Alfred, 32, Musician  
 GIETZEN Caroline 19  
 GIETZEN Jeanne, 32, Louise, 5  
 GOEQUIST Gustaaf, 24,  
 GOSSEYE Elodie 39, Irma 19, servant, Madeleine 15 servan  
 GRAMME Cath. 49, widow, Olga 4, Rachel 6  
 GREEFS? G. 29, seaman, (race: Belgianian...)  
 GUERIN Hubert 49, weaver, Marie 51,  
 GUERIN Jean 52, spinner  
 HAERENS Roumanie 40, Jules 21, Martha 9, Emma 16  
 HARENG Camiel, 35  
 HELIN Joseph 28 gunmaker  
 HERMAN Henri 21 carpenter  
 HEUSCHEM Frank 26  
 HEWEY Jacques 38, tourist

Geraardsb	b.in J. Cyriel DE PAUWE	IVERNIA	Liv Nov 13	Nov 22
Moerbeke	friend Hippolite WILLANS	SAXONIA	Liv Sep 4	Sep 13
Wetteren	friend Paul VAN DE NORTGATE Lowell	SAXONIA	Liv May 15	May 24
Wetteren	friend Lambert VAN MOORTGAARD, Lowe	PRETORIAN	GLA Nov 10	Nov 21
Roubaix	bro. Jean DEBBAUT Lawrence Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv May 15	May 24
Roubaix	bro. Jean DEBBAUT Lawrence, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv May 15	May 24
Waterloo	New Bedford, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Sep 4	Sep 13
Ronse	Providence, R.I.	ARABIC	Liv Sep 14	Sep 22
Geraardsb	Chelsea, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv Jul 24	Aug 2
Wilrek	husband Louis DeHONDT, Boston, Ma.	MANITOU	Ant Sep 20	Oct 1
Rone (Fra	bro. Auguste, Lawrence, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv Jun 25	Jul 5
Koekelare	friend Harry VAN HINBROCK Detroit	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
Ghent	cousin Louis VAN GYSENS, Boston, Ma	SAXONIA	Liv Sep 4	Sep 13
Tourcoing	cousin Jos. CAMPHIN, Lawrence, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv Oct 16	Oct 24
Ghent	cousin Arthur JANSSENS, Chicago, Ma	SAXONIA	Liv Oct 2	Oct 11
Tourcoing	b.in. I. Camille DEF.. Rock Island,	IVERNIA	Liv May 1	May 11
Pittes	bro. Jos. DEPOORTERE St. Joseph, Mo.	SAXONIA	Liv Mar 20	Mar 29
Belgium	Lowell, Ma.	LAURENTIA	GLA Sep 28	Oct 7
Wetteren	friend Joseph REMENE, Lowell Ma.	PRETORIAN	GLA Nov 10	Nov 21
Halieres	Lawrence, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv May 29	?
Roubaix?	husband Leon DEVILLE Lawrence, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv Jan 9	Jan 19
Croix	husband Emile DEVILLE, Lawrence, Ma	IVERNIA	Liv Aug 21	Aug 30
?	New York	MEMONINEE	Ant Oct 4	Oct 15
Litchterv	father A. DEVRIEZE, Kansas City, Mo	MARQUETTE	Ant Oct 18	Oct 29
Belgium	P. BALTHAZAR, Lowell, Ma.	LAURENTIA	GLA Sep 28	Oct 7
Antwerp	husband Joseph DEWEERDT Medford, Ma	MARQUETTE	Ant Oct 18	Oct 29
Moerbeke	friend Hippolite WILLANS	SAXONIA	Liv Sep 4	Sep 13
Antwerp/B	friend A. HOZIO, Boston	SAXONIA	Liv Oct 2	Oct 11
St. Nikla	friend Theophil FLYSSIJN, Lowell, M	MEMONINEE	Ant Oct 4	Oct 15
Geraardsb	friend Jean MAYERS Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Feb 20	Mar 2
Antwerp	husband Guillaume DUBOIS, Boston, M	MEMONINEE	Ant Aug 23	Sep 3
Brussels	visiting	CYMRIC	Liv May 11	May 20
Egem	friend Henri MARTENS Rock Island Il	SAXONIA	Liv May 15	May 24
Wingene	friend Emil DUNVEYONE Superior Wi.	IVERNIA	Liv May 1	May 11
Antwerp	friend J. VAN GESSEN Boston, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv Mar 6	Mar 16
Loiven? L	husband, Lawrence Ma.	MARQUETTE	Ant Nov 29	Dec 11
Brussels	friend Jean WIELEMANNS Gloversville	ARABIC	Liv Apr 24	May 5
Gilly	friend Emile LEVY, Westville, Ill.	SAXONIA	Liv Oct 2	Oct 11
Marchienn	Charleroi, Pa.	IVERNIA	Liv Apr 3	Apr 12
Namur?	sister Marie FLORENCE Montreal	SAXONIA	Liv Apr 17	Apr 26
Waterloo?	friend Emile LARAY, Westville, Ill.	SAXONIA	Liv Oct 2	Oct 11
Ba....	friend Oscar BOSTAELS, Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Aug 7	Aug 16
Brussels	Boston	IVERNIA	Liv Jun 25	Jul 5
Brussels	bro. A. GIETZEN	MANITOU	Ant Nov 1	Nov 12
Alsenberg	husband in Boston, Ma.	MANITOU	Ant Sep 20	Oct 1
Eeklo	cousin Adolf WILLEMS Moline	SAXONIA	Liv Jun 12	Jun 21
Geraardsb	husband Zerit GOSSEYE, Chelsea, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv Oct 16	Oct 24
Roubaix	son Hubert GRAMME, Woonsocket R I	IVERNIA	Liv Mar 6	Mar 16
-	-	ANGLICAN	Lon Aug 20	Sep 2
Antwerp??	home in Woonsocket, R.I.	MEMONINEE	Ant Oct 4	Oct 15
Forest/Li	bro. H. GUERIN, Woonsocket, R.I.	MEMONINEE	Ant Oct 4	Oct 15
Roeselare	husband Camille HARENS Lawrence Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv Aug 21	Aug 30
Roeselare	Lawrence, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv Jun 12	Jun 21
Pouleur	Woonsocket, R.I.	MANITOU	Ant Nov 1	Nov 12
Kortrijk	uncle Victor HERMAN Detroit Mi.	SAXONIA	Liv May 15	May 24
??	bro. Louis? Boston, Ma.	MEMONINEE	Ant Aug 23	Sep 3
??	Parker House Hotel, Boston to Japan	IVERNIA	Liv Sep 18	Sep 26

MTBER Josephine 26	Brussels husband Hyppolyte DE GEZTER, Lynn,	MARQUETTE	Ant	Apr 19	May 1
HOOGZEL Octaf 25 laboreer	Heyst op friend Henri PAIGNE Moline Ill.	IVERNIA	Liv	May 1	May 11
HUCKER Francois, 28 iron worker	Wondelgem cousin..D'HAESE, Kewanee, Ill.	IVERNIA	Liv	Feb 6	Feb 15
HUGGEBART Jules 22 butcher	Hegem? De Edmonton, Alberta	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar 20	Mar 29
ISENBURG Mathilde, 18, seamstress	Liege bro. Louis ISENBURG, Salt Lake City	ARABIC	Liv	Oct 12	Oct 20
JACQUES Christian 24, shipmate?	Belgium -	BOSTONIAN	Man	Feb 27	Mar 14
JANSENS Poli. 46 marblecutter, wife 43, Eugenie 22, Oliv	Gheul uncle E.FRENSEAU? Boston, to friend	PARISIAN	Gla	Aug 17	Aug 26
JANSENS Napoleon, 19, farmer	Knokke b-in-l Louis DEGROOT, Seattle	MENOMINEE	Ant	Aug 23	Sep 3
JONCKLER Julien 19, clerk	Roubaix? bro. Constant JONCKLER Lawrence, Ma	IVERNIA	Liv	Jan 9	Jan 19
JOOS Alfons, 36, Louise 40,	Menen Duluth, Minn	SAXONIA	Liv	Jun 12	Jun 21
JOOS Emma 25, tobacco worker	St. Nikla b.in-l. Camile WUNCK, Boston	MANITOU	Ant	Sep 20	Oct 1
JOURDAIN Hippolyte 31, JANSSENS Marie 33	Brussels cousin Victor COOLS, N.Y. City	IVERNIA	Liv	Sep 18	Sep 26
KANDELAERE Elodie 28	Roeselare step-brother Aug. VAN EENOG	IVERNIA	Liv	Aug 21	Aug 30
KAYS Edward 26 shipmate?	Belgium -	BOSTONIAN	Man	Feb 27	Mar 14
KERKHOVEN Gustave 29 weaver	Eeklo uncle Edouard VANKERKOVE Clifton Sp	IVERNIA	Liv	May 1	May 11
KERSGUITEN Modest 23	Lichterwe Cyril ROOZE Detroit	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar 20	Mar 29
KRIK Theodore 16 laborer	Athus bro. Ant. KRIK, White Bear Lake Mn.	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar 20	Mar 29
LANNENS Jan 33, cigarmaker	Ghent cousin Louis VAN GYSENS Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv	Sep 4	Sep 13
LANEK Theophile 40 cigarmaker	Geraardsb friend Viet HEWEGOTS Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv	Feb 20	Mar 2
LAPERE? Jules 46 brushmaker	Kortrijk friend Hector STEVENS ST. Alphonse M	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar 20	Mar 29
LARSON Albert, 32, widower	Antwerp friend Peter VAN BAKEL Boston	IVERNIA	Liv	Jul 24	Aug 2
LASOI? Henri, 31	Evergem Kewano, Wi.	SAXONIA	Liv	Jun 12	Jun 21
LEBLANC Arthur 34, miner, Laure 13,	Charleroi b-in-l FECHET Cambridge, Ohio	SAXONIA	Liv	Sep 4	Sep 13
LEBLANC Ernest, 21 machinist	Brussels? cousin Oscar HAZAR, Montreal	IVERNIA	Liv	Mar 6	Mar 16
LEBON Henri, 21	Mouscron friend Adolphe DEPRAETERE Woonsocket	SAXONIA	Liv	Jan 23	Feb 1
LEBON Theodore 28, spinner, b-i-l of VANDEBORE?	Mouscron friend Adolphe DEPRAETERE	SAXONIA	Liv	Jan 23	Feb 1
LECLERCQ Leopold 39 laborer, Rosalie 39+ 3 children	Marchienn Charleroi, Pa.	IVERNIA	Liv	Apr 3	Apr 12
LECOCQ Jules 22	French ?S -	MARQUETTE	Ant	Mar 8	Mar 23
LEDoux Camille 18	Oostaker Seattle, Wa.	MARQUETTE	Ant	Nov 29	Dec 11
LEDoux Leonard 53, Reverend	Oostaker Seattle, Wa.	MARQUETTE	Ant	Nov 29	Dec 11
LEMPEREUR Maria 29,	Verviers/ husband F. LEMPEREUR, Woonsocket, R	MANITOU	Ant	Dec 13	Dec 25
LIEFFERINGEN Arthur 29, cigarmaker	Geraardsb bro. Cyriel, Chelsea, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv	Jul 10	Jul 19
LIEVENS Hippolyt, 40, cigarmaker	Ghent cousin Guillaume DE RUYTER, Boston,	SAXONIA	Liv	Oct 2	Oct 11
LIPPENS Cyriel 25 baker, Emma 20	Herdinge? Mishawaka, In.	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar 20	Mar 29
LONGINI Henry, 31 Tourist Agent,	Brussels Murray Hill Hotel, NY City	SAXONIA	Liv	Aug 7	Aug 16
LOOTENS Adolphe 45 painter	Tourcoing b.in l. Camille DEF..., Rock Island	IVERNIA	Liv	May 1	May 11
MAAS Jeff 25, shipmate?	Belgium -	BOSTONIAN	Man	Feb 27	Mar 14
MAERTENS Casimir 30, painter	Waterloo Lawrence, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv	Nov 13	Nov 22
MAES Henri 50 weaver	Roubaix friend Louis LANDUYT Olneyville RI	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar 20	Mar 29
MALFAIT Marie, 21	Antwerp husband, Boston	IVERNIA	Liv	Nov 13	Nov 22
MASFRANK Joseph 32,	Geraardsb friend Ivan RUDAN Chelsea, Ma.	CYMRIC	Liv	Mar 8	Mar 18
MEESSEMAN? Charles 32, weaver	Roeselare uncle ORISTE? Steve Lawrence, Ma	IVERNIA	Liv	Aug 21	Aug 30
METZ Petrus, 30, weaver,	St. Nikla friend Victor PICAWET, Boston	MANITOU	Ant	Sep 20	Oct 1
METZ Pharaide, 32	Tourcoing husband Louis METZ, Woonsocket, R.I	SAXONIA	Liv	Jan 23	Feb 1
MICHAELS Eugene, 38, cigarmaker	- Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv	Jun 12	Jun 21
MICHIELS Frans 30, weaver	Ledeberg Lowell, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv	Oct 30	Nov 8
MONSEUR Camille, 22	Geraardsb friend M. ROLLIER, Boston, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv	Oct 2	Oct 11
MONSIGNAC Rene 33, cigarmaker	Geraardsb friend Gustave DE MAUR, Boston, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv	Feb 6	Feb 15
MOREEUM Helen 30, Cecil 14, Louis 13, Veronie 12	Roeselare husband M. MOREEUM, Detroit Mi.	MANITOU	Ant	Nov 1	Nov 12
MORTIER Chas. 29 laborer	Daamkerke friend Camiel WYCKHUIS Detroit	SAXONIA	Liv	Mar 20	Mar 29
MUSSELIN Pierre, 38, miner	Montigny Mr. NOTTAR, Westville, Ill.	SAXONIA	Liv	Oct 2	Oct 11
MUTTE Theodor 34, cigarmaker	Moerbeke uncle A. DE WUSSE Chelsea, Ma.	SAXONIA	Liv	Nov 27	Dec 6
OSTERIEH Alex 25, businessman	Antwerp Hotel Tournaine, visiting Boston	SAXONIA	Liv	Sep 4	Sep 13
OZAER Leopold crossed-out	-	SAXONIA	Liv	Jun 12	Jun 21
PAIKOLCH Henri 23 stowaway	Belgium deported from NY by SS British King	BOSTONIAN	Man	Feb 27	Mar 14
PANNEUMAERT Richard, 20, cigarmaker	Geraardsb C. PENNEUMAERT, Chelsea, Ma.	IVERNIA	Liv	Aug 21	Aug 30
PARENT Henri 25, coalminer, 6.28, + 4children	Jemeppe Cumberland, Wy. deported	SAXONIA	Liv	Apr 17	Apr 26

Liv=Liverpool; Man=Manchester; Ant=Antwerpen; Gla=Glasgow; Lon=London.  
Two more pages of names will appear in the following bulletin.



## OUR GOOD LUCK EUROPEAN TOUR

by Ruth C. Schieltz

On September 1, 1989, my husband George and I left for a six weeks tour of Europe. We had a very memorable trip. We spent 8 days in Belgium. Of course we did not see it all. But we saw much and enjoyed every bit of it. We met so many wonderful people. We stayed four nights in the Hotel Bourgogne on the square in Arlon.

The first day there, we went to the Arlon Archives, and needed help. So I quietly asked in the reading room if any one spoke English. A gentleman by the name Pierre EPPE spoke up and said that maybe he could help me. When I told him that I was working on the WAGNER and TOURBANG families, he suggested that I go see Madame PIQUARD-MAIRE, in Carlsbourg, who is planning to publish a WAGNER family book the first of 1990. When I learned that she did not speak English, I declined. But Mr. EPPE could not take no for an answer. He made arrangements for us to meet at his home the next afternoon.

When Mrs. PIQUARD heard of my name, she could not believe it. She had been given our name by Father DUCAT, from the BELGIAN LACES, and she had written to us earlier in the year. However, we never received her letter. She was so happy to come, and exchange information with us. Mrs. PIQUARD and I had quite an afternoon with Mr. Eppe as interpreter. She could not find my family, she lost them in the records. Of course, there were no further records, because they came to America. At first she said that this Jean WAGNER was not my ancestor. I argued that I knew that they were. We had a good laugh about it. Since returning home, I sent her much material and some pictures. That was the WAGNER part of our story. Now for the TOURBANG family information. About 8:30 on the last night of our stay at Hotel Bourgogne in Arlon, we received a telephone call from the Hotel Manager that we had "cousins" down in the lobby. I really didn't understand what he meant, but I answered that I would be right down. "Cousins" sounded like "Cuisine" (food) and I was wondering if somebody wanted to take us out to eat. Down at the lobby, we were introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Pierre TOURBANG. They were cousins on the TOURBANG side of my family. They also had lost a member of their family Catherine TOURBANG who had married Jean Nicolas WAGNER. They had a large sheet 4 feet by 4 feet folded, with all their TOURBANG information. At the top on one side were my grand parents with birth and marriage, but nothing else. I pointed out that they were my family. This was difficult to explain. He spoke a little English, and I used my French dictionary, so we did an adequate attempt at understanding each other. Both were teachers in the local schools. As we were talking, I was frantically trying to find a way to copy all this information. Finally Mr Tourbang folded the large sheet, and handed it to me. Because of his difficulty with English, he did not quite know how to tell me that I could copy it, so he said : "You sleep with your ancestors tonight and return them to the Hotel Manager tomorrow morning." So, when they left, Georges and I returned to our hotel room. It took us one and a half hour to hand copy all the information.

An other highlight of our stay in Arlon was our visits with Pierre SCHWEIZER and his mother Marie, son and widow of George SCHWEIZER, the genealogist we met on our first trip in 1981. He was a mining engineer, who worked most of his life in the Belgian Congo (now ZAIRE), where their four children were born and educated. They all came back in 1970. We are distant relatives through the Tourbang family. Pierre and his mother took us out for dinner one evening, after taking us to the main attractions in and around Arlon. Pierre insisted on being our tour guide also in Luxembourg City, where we visited the old and the new, the Palace, the huge Cathedral, the Parc, etc. He helped

us to exchange our American money into Belgian money. This does not seem a difficult task, however we were shocked when we could not get our American hundred dollar bills changed, nor in Arlon nor in Athus, because they had no way of checking if they were counterfeit. In the Luxembourg City Bank, they had a special gadget to check them out. Another American couple at the Hotel ran in the same situation with fifty-dollar bills. Sure we had traveler checks, but since we still had some dollars we wanted to use these first.

Another day, George and I went to Aubange, the home of the SCHILTZ (SCHIELTZ) family; to Hilanzky the birthplace of his grandmother Marguerite HUBERTY (who came to America in 1843—1844 when she was four years old; to Aix sur Cloi, the home of the Theodore BALTES who also settled at Frenchtown and Versailles, Ohio; to Petange, another city of the SHILTZ family, where we met a Catholic Priest Father EISCHEM (another familiar name here in Ohio). At the population Bureau in Athus, we got census information about the SCHILTZ and BALTES families. We learned that Pierre SCHILTZ and Theodore BAITES both came to the States with a brother, and that both brothers came back to Belgium and died there.

Our trip took us to St Hubert, then to Beauraing, where the Blessed Virgin appeared in 1930. Then to Anserenmie—Dinant, where we stayed at the Hotel Le Mosan, on the River Meuse. We did some sightseeing and shopping in Dinant, and met an Australian couple. Later we went to Namur, where there was market. I love markets in Europe, especially in Belgium, they are so colorful. We didn't buy much, but took a lot of beautiful pictures. From there we went to Mons, the NATO and SHAPE headquarters to visit with cousins who are stationed there with the American Forces.

Visiting with cousins, they showed us many places, especially Brussels, the beautiful Capital of Belgium. We visited a lot of other places, like the Castle of Beloeil and the Mirabelle. We drove to Geel and stayed there before going to Holland.

I must say that we had a beautiful trip, I wish everyone could experience these thrills. I now know the European towns where our ancestors came from, except one of mine. That is the REINHART family who came to Ohio in 1833 from somewhere in Bavaria with wife and five children. This will be for a following trip.

#### ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THESE BELGIANS ???

ALBERT,	Joseph. found in	census	Penna.Phila.	1870
CABAREAU,	Therese	census	Oregon Terr.	1850
CHARRY,	Jeanette	"	" "	1850
COLARD,COLLARD,	Elisabeth	"	" "	1850
CORNELIUS,	Edouard	"	Penna.Phila.	1870
DELIRE DELLIRE,	Florentine	census	Oregon Terr	1850
DIERICKX,	Trephon	book—see other	Oregon.	
DUCHESNE,	Celestine	census	Oregon Terr	1850
GOBERT,	Josephine	"	" "	1850
LE JEUNE,	Melanie	"	" "	1850
LYFEHER,LYKHER, LYSCHER,	Michael		" Penna .Phila.	1870
MEULENBERG,	Francis	"	" "	1880
MILLER, MEUNIER,	Francois	"	" "	1870
NEUJEAN,	Caroline	"	Oregon Terr.	1850
PEIFFER,	Frank	"	Penna,Phila.	1870
VAN LENT,	Francis	"	" "	1870
VAN WASSENHOVE,	Frank	book—see other	Oregon.	
VERMILEN, VERMILIEN?	Eloise?		censusOregon Terr.	1850
VERREUR,	Lesphina?	"	" "	1850
WEBER,	Anna Maria	"	" "	1850.

If you are looking for one of these Belgians, send a SASE to Howard THOMAS, 105, Fourth street N.E. — Washington DC 20002

## BELGIAN MINERS IN THE CROWSNEST PASS, CANADA

By Flora DUNN.

These Belgians were arriving much later than the people who settled in the east. It was 1792, when the very first white man walked through the Crowsnest Pass and it was 53 years later in 1845 that the Belgian Priest, Father Jean DE SMET was to walk through. He was converting the Kootenai tribe of Indians, whom he called his children of the forest, who lived in the area of the headwaters of the Columbia River. He followed the Indians as they moved about, sometimes camping at the foot of the Crowsnest Mountain, but always avoiding stopping near Turtle Mountain, as they believed it was moving.

Father De Smet noted the many deposits of coal and was concerned about what would happen to "his children", when the white men would arrive to exploit this mineral wealth. The Crowsnest Coal Company (C.C.C.) and later the Canadian Pacific Railway Company (C.P.R.), showered Europe with their rosy ads, and lured the miners to the Pass. Life in the mountains was hard, the winters unbelievably frigid, resulting in many house fires from overheated stoves. In the summers, was the constant threat of forest fires. There was tragedy after tragedy, as explosions in the mines took their toll of lives.

The southern branch of the C.P.R. was not completed until 1898, that's when the Pass really opened up. In 1902, the Frank and Grassy Mountain Railroad was built north of the town of Frank to the mines of Lille, and in 1904 fifty Belgian "Bernard" coke ovens were installed there. In 1903 the top of Turtle Mountain toppled over and buried the town of Frank. 76 people were known dead. The huge boulders finished up on the opposite slope and buried a mile of track of the F&GM Railway. By 1913, the steep grade with its twenty trestles over Gold Creek was too expensive to operate, the market for coke had declined and the three mines in Lille as well as the town were abandoned.

Here are some names of Belgian people listed in the book "Crowsnest and its people":

BOUTRY Achille, arrived in Bellevue in 1908. He worked as a miner then later went into the General Store business for himself. He married Paulena RUDD in 1910, and had four daughters. He died in 1972.

BOUTRY Nestor Joseph Eugene, was born 1870 in Ghoy, Belgium. He married Rosa Augustine Josephine MAUSETT born 1881 in Farciennes. Belgium. He worked in the mine at Morrissey, B.C. while she ran a boarding house in nearby Fernie. The town was wiped out by fire in 1904. They started out again in Bellevue, lost everything again when fire destroyed part of that town. But they never gave up, got back to their feet and raised five children.

CAPRON Oscar and his brother Frank, came from Charleroi in 1906. Both worked in Lille, Frank and then Blairmore. Oscar was joined by his wife Evalena in 1909. They had two sons, Fernand and Alphonse. Oscar died in 1934, Frank in 1960. Evalena outlived her sons, and died in Lethbridge at age 94.

CLABS John, arrived in Coleman in 1909, joined by his wife in 1910. They had three children.

CLABS Henry, arrived in Coleman in 1912 with his wife and two daughters. He was killed during world war one, and the family returned to Belgium.

DOMBOIS Lambert and Antoinette from Liege. He mined in Cape Breton Island before coming to Frank, then to Bellevue. They had two children. He died in 1956, she in 1965.

HOUBREGS Louis, born in Zonhoven in 1880, arrived at Blairmore in 1911. In 1912, his wife Valerie and their four children joined him. They got two more children. Their boy Philip became a baseball player, first in Blairmore, then in Trail and then in Seattle. Valerie died in 1936, Louis in 1976 and Philip

in 1977.

HEUSDENS Alphonse arrived in Hillcrest and was rejoined by his wife Marie and their two sons age 2 and 4 in 1914. Alphonse was killed in the Hillcrest Mine explosion in the same 1914: one of the 189 men who lost their lives in Canada's worst mine disaster. Marie remarried in 1916, and had two more children.

LABOURIER Joseph. As his wife was arriving from Belgium, he had asked his friend Alphonse HEUSDENS to work his shift for him, so he could meet the train. The day of the disaster...

MAUFORT Auguste, born in 1867. and his wife LARDINOIS Aline, born in 1871, both in WanfercéeBaulet. Accompanied by her brother LARDINOIS Alfred, they first went to Nova Scotia, then to Blairmore and settled in Coleman in 1910. They had five children. August died in 1939, Aline in 1964.

MAUFORT Alfred. 1877 — 1970. Unmarried.

RUYSMAKER Emile, his wife GOIS Eliza, accompanied by Albin and Manuel GOIS, arrived in 1905 and homesteaded at Lundbrek at the east end of the Pass. They had three children. Eliza died in 1916. Emile and the children returned to Belgium in 1919, but returned to Bellevue, Canada in 1921.

SOULET Frank, born in 1879, landed in Nova Scotia in 1903, went back to Belgium in 1906 and came back to Coleman. In 1913 he married SPREUX Josephine born in Belgium. They had two daughters. Josephine died in 1966. Frank was still living in his home in Blairmore at age 99 in 1978.

TIBBRGHIEN.... came from Louvain with son Alphonse in 1919. His wife born in Antwerp, and their three other children joined them in 1922.

WELTONS Victor and Leontine and three children arrived in Blairmore in 1908. Victor and his two sons worked in the mine, and built houses in their spare time.

DECOUX Arthur Charles, arrived to Frank from Marcinelle, Belgium in 1909, with his wife Zelia and a two years old son. They had another son a few years later. Arthur died in Blairmore in 1936 and Zelia in 1965.

PIRLOT Theophile arrived in Frank from Belgium, with his wife GOBIET Marie Louise in 1913. They had two daughters. He died in 1957 and she in 1985 at the age of 98.

Notes from Flora Dunn.: DECOUX and PIRLOT are not included in the Crowsnest book. There could be others where the writer failed to say what country they came from. Many of us who have left the Pass did not know this book was going to be published, some of our family friends are not in it: the BLAB families, the OIABOTEAU's, the PIERLOT's, the VANGOITSENHOVEN, and more that I have forgotten. My dad, Camille CANET, who was born in Sirault in 1887, came to the Pass in 1912, after having lost his wife in childbirth. He worked in Michel, Bellevue, then Blairmore. He married Flore SARAZIN from Oignies, France and I was born in 1917 in one of the only two houses in the forest in the west end of town. We returned to Belgium in 1919 where my mother died after an operation she had refused to have in Blairmore, because she didn't trust the Canadian doctors. I was left in a Convent in Quievrain. My dad returned to the Pass where he worked double shift for nine months. When he had saved \$ 1000, he and a Belgian friend, Fred... (I never learned his last name) started out to work their way around the world. In early 1923 he came to pick me up to return to Blairmore. Fred went to settle somewhere in the States. They never kept in touch. We moved in the new house my Dad had been building by himself. The woman he had married before we left Belgium, Bertha DE WET!, hated Canada and couldn't wait to leave, which she did in 1926. Father worked in the mine, became a fireboss and was blinded in a mine accident in 1931. He died in Vancouver in 1966.

*The WISCONSIN Corner : BELGIAN LACES*  
A BELGIAN CELEBRATION

The book, "Wisconsin's Belgian Community", written in 1933 by Hjalmar Rued Holand, gives us an insight into the Belgians' harvest celebration called Kirmess. We quote from the book:

"This festival comes at the end of the harvest in the beginning of September, which time was the great annual payday of the common people of rural Belgium. Then they found themselves possessed of their share of the grain bundles of the big landlord's crop for which they had toiled all summer. This brief hour of prosperity was therefore celebrated with a rousing festival called the Kirmess, and their children in the new world have faithfully followed their example.

"Kirmess lasts for three days during each week for six successive weeks, a different parish center being the headquarters each in turn, and makes necessary a vast amount of cooking and baking. Not only are the neighbors invited to mutual banquets, but friends from far away are invited and usually come to partake of Belgian hospitality. It was probably the demands of Kirmess preparations that called into existence the numerous Dutch ovens of which many are still in service. In these huge ovens with the accompanying bakehouses, fifteen pies or forty loaves of bread could be baked at once and with better success.

"In the earlier days of the settlement the Kirmess dances were very picturesque. A committee of young men gaily festooned with ribbons of many colors, was in charge of the community festival in each parish, and Belgian folk dances were danced on the highway to the singing of Belgian songs under the light of the harvest moon. But when the automobile came into general use, the highway became unsafe for dancing, and the dancers had to crowd into dance halls. The folk dances also went out of use and were succeeded by the Fox Trot and the Charleston because the young people wanted to be "up to date". At present, however, there is a growing demand to revive the folk dances.

"Besides the dancing there were also many other forms of amusement at the Kirmess festival such as climbing greased poles, catching greased pigs or giving a blind—folded man a scythe with which he was supposed to decapitate a goose. Foot races were also a feature, and most popular of all, horse races, the winner receiving the bridle as a prize."

Holand's book continues with an account of the first Kirmess in Wisconsin which was written by Lee W. Metzner in 1931. Unfortunately, those vividly descriptive pages cannot be published here, but we are told that in late August of 1858, Amia Champaign and Jean Baptiste Macaux initiated the idea of having a Kirmess to help the settlers out of their doldrums. After all, they had come to a strange country more than two years before, and had worked very hard to clear land, build shelters, and plant food crops. A reward for their labors seemed the right thing to do.

Father Deems (the priest who had helped Belgians find land in northeastern Wisconsin in 1853) would be coming to say Mass in two weeks. Then, Jean Macaux offered to have the Kirmess on his farm at Rosiere. The word was spread far and near. When the day finally arrived, celebrants came from miles around---Amand and Prosper Naze, Joe Bouchonville, Peter and John Andre, Jean Charles, Frank Wendricks, Joe Dantoin, Eugene Crevcoeur, August Denis, Eugene Delwiche, Charley

Spinette, Emmanuel Defnet, Jean Dhuey, J. B. Kinnart, Joe DeBauche, Isidore Gilson, Jean Lorge, Xavier Heraly, Jean Gigot, and many, many others. With deep emotions surging, festivities began with Theophile LeBotte playing the Belgian national anthem, "La Brabanconne", on his clarinet. He was then joined by other musicians

——Joe Lumaye, Carl Massey, Francois LeGreve, and Norbert Mignon, and the dancing got underway. Madame Macaux and the neighboring women had prepared an abundance of food, including delicious tartes (Belgian pie). For this first time in their new country, the celebration was held only one day; but surely, it was a day long remembered!

Kirmesses are still held in the little Belgian villages that dot the Brown! Door/Kewaunee Peninsula of Wisconsin. With television and modern transportation, entertainment is at our fingertips, but these present-day small celebrations remind us that it was the courage and hard work of our ancestors that carved our niche in the Belgian community.

#### BELGIAN EMIGRANTS - 4th of a series

Bonlez

Edouard FRISQUE and his wife Antoinette GUEUNICK;

Stanislas J. HAULOTTE; his wife Marie Victoire COULON; and children Eugene, Edouard, Clemence, and Leon; father left 1853;

Jean Baptiste VANNES; left 1855;

Gregoire VANNES; left October 1865; married Rosalie DE KEUSTER;

Jean Baptiste LAMBERT;

Jean Francois HENRION; his wife Josephine DETIENNE; and daughters Amelie and Julie; left March 4, 1854;

Etienne EVRAS; his wife Sophie VANDORSLAER; and children Petronille and Jean Baptiste; left March 4, 1854;

Jean Joseph DELVAUX; his wife Marie Josephe HOSLET; and daughter Marie Theresa;

Isidore DEBROUX, widower, born at Opprebais;

Hubert DEBROUX, born BONlez; his wife Anne Josephe DENIS; and children Clementine and Ernest;

Jean Francois HANNON; his wife Melanie BOUCHER; and children Jean Joseph, Adele, Gaspard David, and Antoine Jean Francois;

Gaspard BOUCHER; and wife Marie; left 1854.

(Ref: Population Register 1846-56; General Archives, Bruxelles, researched by L'Abbe Jean DUCAT)

#### Jandrain-Jandrenouille

Francois FUMAL; his wife Clementine FRANCAR; and their children Josephine, Jean Baptiste, Henri, Eugenie, and Clementine;

Jean Baptiste BEUN; his wife Justine DOLHEN; their children Isidore, Henri Joseph, Adolphine, Jean Baptiste, Josephine, Pierre Joseph, Stephanie Joseph, Rosalie, Seraphine Joseph, and Jules; left April 1856;

Constant INGEBOS; left June 1, 1856;

Jacques MATHY, a widower; left April 25, 1856;

Charles MARTEAU; his wife Therese MATHY; their children Charles Joseph, Julienne, Virginie, and Josephine; left April 25, 1856.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy summer, and good luck with their family tree research!

## OUR TRIP TO EUROPE-

by Mildred Hamick

On June 21 , last year, my husband Woodie and I flew from Indianapolis to Brussels, Belgium, where we were met by our cousin Leonce Germ and her son Danny with his wife Monique. We then met Michel Andry, a school teacher, with his wife Nicole, who have been assisting us in Europe to find our relatives. I have been writing in French to Michel for three years now , on the advice of Father Jean Ducat. Together we visited Mona, Erquennes and Cuesmes. My parents , Leon Haurez and Clemence Germ were born in Cuesmes, near Mons. This is the "Borinage" or coal country. although, there are no active mines anymore. Michel led us up 325 feet to the sunmait of the mine heap C Terril or Crassier) called the Heribus". It is overgrown now, with trees and bushes and has been made into a parc. People come to study the flora and fauna of this new mountain. They are now collecting money to put the statue of a miner at the top, which already has some coal cars and tracks. Michel also took us to the mine museum, which is an actual mine that warn used to train the young miners. Later on we met with the Mayor of Mona, Maurice La Foss, and presented him with a seal of the town of Danville, IL.I was given a gold trinnned ceramic plate from Mans and a ceramic figure of the little monkey, a copy of the one which adorns the outside of the City Hall. People come from everywhere to rub the head of the "petit singe" (little monkey) for good luck, especially the newlyweds. The Mayor was very pleased to hear that I spoke the Borain language from Cuesmes, as he himself was also born there. Later we visited the Museum of Folklore nearby. A few days later, Michel Andry organized a reception at the City Hall in Cuesmes: more than 75 people arrived from everywhere, including the Mayor's wife, the mayor himself being unable to come due to a meeting. Many of the visitors were relatives I had already seen. On my father's side came a doctor with his mother and his wife. He brought along a letter written Feb. 1, 1926 by my uncle from Pennsylvania. It was a very interesting letter with names of cousins and family. We met other cousins with whom we are in regular contact since.

We stayed seven weeks in Belgium and enjoyed it from the first to the last day. From Mon., we went to Brussels and then to Ostende. We took the Jet Foil across the Channel to Dover, England, and then the train to London. Since Woodie's ancestors are all English, Irish, Scotta and Welsh, we toured all these countries. Ireland is a darling, unspoiled little country, and you wonder why anyone would leave from there. We went to Cardiff, South Wales from where some of Woodie's relatives imigrated. We crossed the Irish Sea twice, going over and returning to Wales, but to different towns. We did the 100 miles of the Ring of Kerry, from Killarney and on around, including Blarney Castle and Blarney Stone. In England we visited Stonehenge, Bath, etc. In Scotland we had a mock marriage at Gretna Green, where people used to get married by the blacksmith at his anvil, and dressed in kilts... It means so much, when you meet relatives to visit and talk to, and find the similarities between all of us... It makes you realize that you belong to the family and know who you are...

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From Charlotte RODGERS ... I would like to order a subscription for a distant cousin of mine, Madeline TAYLOR, in San Leandro, Ca. and also one for Father James Bump in Sutersville, PA. I met him last week, and he is of Belgian ancestry. I am sure they will enjoy Belgian Laces. I am also planning to go to Charleroi, PA, for the Centennial, and meet the Belgian delegations from Charleroi, Jumet, etc, and Father Jean Ducat...

From Neil HERALY ... I do feel a little guilty reading all the excellent material presented in Belgian Laces , since I have not taken time myself to submit any articles. I have been devoting all my spare time to collecting information on the HERALY family....and have extensive documentation if anybody needs it...To sooth my conscience, I have enclosed a copy of the sheet music for "My Belgian Rose". This piece of music written by George Benoit, Robert Levinson and Ted Garton, was published in 1918...As this work has a copyright, it can not be reproduced here, but Neil will send a photocopy of it to anyone who sends him a SASE. Neil HERALY, 1253, North Court, New Brighton, MN 55112.

From Seamond PONSART FOUTS...Stories of Success...The first phone book entry you sent me on ANSAY paid off and I have located my "long lost" great uncle Arthur, his son and his granddaughter who I think (I get these things mixed up) is my 2nd cousin. We are writing and I have gradually found out what happened to that side of the family. But, the best part is, that we are writing. Now, I have really hope for finding more and more. (Success breeds success). Howard Thomas of Washington is still writing me and giving me precious hints to hunt along with. Also Michelin. Gaudette up in Mass. has been tremendous in helping me find microfilms to use... I went to the FHL at Provo, and the one in Salt Lake, and just went ga—ga at all the information available and also obtainable.... Thanks to all of you...

From Jean-Pierre DELROT in Belgium... I just mailed to Bernice Barrett in Green Bay, all the information she was asking for. I went to the Henri-Chapelle World War 2 American cemetery, to take the pictures asked by Shirley Brooks in California. Here is the whole set in double copies and the negatives. (We mailed them to Shirley the same day they arrived here.) It is understood that I did this with pleasure, and there are no charges... It is really us who are in debt toward .h....

Thank you Jean-Pierre ! This is again a beautiful gesture.

From the same member, we received a few months ago, the photocopies of two books , about 900 pages, titled " Enquetes du Musee de la Vie Wallonne" edited in 1927. Two beautifully illustrated books about everything that had to do with people's lives, in the preceding centuries. An amazing documentation that enriches our Belgian Researchers library. Some of our members are really fantastic.

From Marguerite CHRISTOPHERSON - There used to be a glass factory in Lovell, WY. that employed many Belgians. It burned down in the early 1900's, but I remember as a child, going to the place, and picking up some green glass chunks. I don't have any more now, as they were lost in the ensuing years. There was also a brick and tile factory, where many Belgians worked. My father Vital WAMBEKE, came from Belgium in 1911, at the urging of his brother Triphon. He went later back to Belgium to get his wife, my mother Alice Van PETEGHEM. They had a cotton farm in Texas, but it was destroyed a few years later by a hurricane. They then started a new farm in Deaver WY, and persuaded two other brothers, Ivo and Kamiel



to come over... My parents then started a new farm in Lovell where we still are We have many relatives now, in Deaver, in Lovell, and in Billings, MT. and in East and West Flanders, Belgium.

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At “The Belgian Researchers”, we open a file for each query. When you send an answer to a member, may we ask you to send us also a copy of your answer, so that we would know the status of the research: update or close the file.

Thank you!

90/94 HAGELSTEIN - Jean Pierre Corneil HAGELSTEIN, born 1 July 1829, Montzen, Belgium; son of Corneil and SCHOONBROOT Anne.

90/95 KREUSCH - Anna Catharina KREUSCH, born 26 Oct 1836, Kettenis, Belgium; daughter of Jakob and GILLES Maria. All information about these two families:

Regine BRINDLE, 495 East Fifth. Peru, IN 46970.

90/96 GOFFART/OSSEFORT/DIAX/BECKER - I am looking for people with these names in the U.S. Most of them originated in Belgium from the Liege, Thinnis and Seraing area. Martin J. GOFFART, 121, Gables Court, Winnipeg, MB R2C 4H2, Canada.

90/97 FRANSAER - Would appreciate any information about ~ Paternal ancestors FRANSAER. I have traced them thru public records to 1769 in Erembodegem, Belgium.

DE BUISSCHER/WELLEKENS/DE Wael/BERNAUM - 31W...I would like to correspond with any one with ties to these surnames. Denise FRANSAER—CORKE, 912, E. Locust. Watseka IL 60970.

90/98 DE LOBEL - My ancestor Mathius de LOBEL, born 1538 Lille, France, died 2 March 1616, Highgate, England. Was medical doctor and botanist, practiced in Antwerp and Brussels, was associated with William of Orange. I am trying to find a publication that was written on him in Brussels. Julie FEWSMITH, 4167, Inman Court, FORTH WORTH, TEXAS, 76109.

90/99 BONNE - August BONNI, born 26 Nov 1886, Wingene, Belgium and Jules BONNE, born 19 Aug 1888 in Wingene. Both moved to Findlay, Ohio, around 1812. Their parents were Henri BONNE and Rosalie SCHERRENS. Any one knowing of these brothers, please contact Kenneth COBURN, Box 1266, VANDERHOOF, BC, VOJ 3A0 Canada.

90/100 CALCHINA - Camille CALCHINA, born 30 Nov 1886, Jemeppe-sur-Sambre in Belgium. He was son of Alexandre CALCHINA and had four children (not two as indicated in previous B.L.) Armand Joseph Ghislain, born 18 Feb 1810, Jemeppe-sur-Sambre. Simone Celine born 1 Dec 1912, also in Jemeppe. Albert Charles, born 27 Dec 1914, Tarentum, PA, and Mary born 2 Feb 1916 in La Grande, OR. I am the widow of Armand CALCHINA, and am looking for more information on the family, especially in Belgium. Carol CALCHINA, 3121, Geronimo Ave. San Diego, CA 92117.

90/101 NYS . Seek info on parents and/or siblings, birthplace of Joseph Jules NYS, born 31 July 1829 in Belgium. Immigrated to Green Bay, WI. in 1855. Linda NYS, 3638, Columbia Heights Rd. Longview, WA 98632.